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a second writing device for recording data on the other recording layer of the recording medium on the basis of the data, which have been multiplexed by the multiplexing device, at a recording density higher than that at which the first writing device records data.

[a writing device for writing onto the recording medium the data output from the conversion device].

Please cancel claims 16-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

#### REMARKS

The claims have been amended to reflect the changes made by amendment under PCT article 34 in the international stage and the remove multiple dependency of the claims. Early and favorable action is awaited.

In the event there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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